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SUBJECT

1. The movement of Soviet troops reported in the Doellersheim area appears to be directed toward the Doellersheim camp and the surrounding area. Recent reports indicate that although about 40,000 Soviet troops of all branches of the service have been assembled within the Schwarzenau, Göpfritz, Zwettl, Doellersheim quadrangle, these have discontinued all maneuvers since 18 May 1947 and remain in their garrisons. So far, maneuvers have been limited to operations by small groups. Airforce units have not participated in the maneuvers except on 15 May 1947, when 300 aircraft from the Deutsch-Wagram and Aspern airfields flew over the Doellersheim area and returned almost immediately to their bases.

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2. Soviet troops are expected at Stift Zwettl, at Kainraths, and Poppen where there are quarters for 15 to 20,000 men. An artillery brigade, equipped chiefly with 122 mm mortars (1942 model) and composed of approximately 10,000 men, is now at Allentsteig. There are two hospitals in this area, installed in municipal buildings and in the castle; these facilities are endowed with the most up-to-date medical equipment. No trace of any field fortifications or munitions depots has been observed within the perimeter of the camp. However, it is possible that such installations exist but are well camouflaged. It is reported that 30 buried tank emplacements have been set up between Germanns and Hörmanns. It is said that others exist between Allentsteig and Neunzen, and northeast of Zwettl. The tanks' guns are pointed East. The condition of the roads around the Doellersheim camp is extremely bad; the roads are pitted with deep holes, and it does not appear that any effort is being made to repair them.

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3. A large movement of armor was reported moving east on the Budapest-Vienna road.

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that the persistent rumors of large troops concentrations in Lower Austria are not unfounded but obviously exaggerated. In recent weeks,

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an almost continuous stream of armor has moved through Stockerau and Korneuburg under cover of night. In the Wiener-Neustadt region there is a much smaller number of Russian troops. However, in the vicinity of Bruck a/d Leitha and north of the Danube, combat troops are arriving from Hungary.

4. Although there have been no Russians at Schreibbs for some time, a Komendatura has been established in this town and has already made a number of arrests.

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